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had. They keep Banner County. They keep western and eastern edge of Scotts Bluff County. And they go and break four precincts in Cherry County on Highway 61 or 62. So with the exception of adding Grant County to District 47, adding Perkins County to District 44, adding Gosper County to District 38, and taking the western or the eastern edge of Scotts Bluff County and giving it back to District 49 that is similar to the other proposal that I presented. The same rationale can be used, obviously, I can't use the rationale on all areas of it, but I think a majority of it still stands. And this was an effort on my part. I thought that the proposal that we had prior was the best proposal. And since I'm going to keep my word, I'm introducing this amendment. In regards to that issue, that is important to me. And granted that things change in the legislative process, I understand that, and we had essentially individuals give word that they would support certain plans and they obviously haven't and so now we're back to this amendment. I'm not sure that if I'm overwhelmingly supportive of this idea, I do have concerns on the deviation of Scotts Bluff County, though. I have concerns on the splitting of the precincts along the highway in Cherry County. But I want to open it up to discussion mainly because I gave my word to Senator Schrock, and I wanted to make sure that I kept that confidence with him. So with that, I would offer AM2126 for the body's pleasure.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Smith.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Mr. President, members. I never entered into any agreements. I do want to, however, stand up out of consistency and indicate that I can't quite support this picture. But I've also indicated to others that I don't want their position to be conditional upon mine. And so if you'll notice Scotts Bluff County, one of my objectives in the last amendment was to make it more concise and less confusing to the voters, and this plan just does not head in that direction. So for that reason I'll have to cast a red light on this. However, I want to emphasize the fact that I don't expect anyone to shelter themselves based on my vote if that's the case. Nonetheless, thank you, Mr. President.